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Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 59/168 of 20 December 2004,

Deeply convinced that the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action¹ and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century",² are important contributions to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and must be translated into effective action by all States, the United Nations system and other organizations concerned,

Reaffirming its commitment to the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration³ and the commitments to gender equality and the advancement of women contained therein, the

¹ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

² Resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

³ See resolution 55/2.



commitments made at the major United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions, as well as the commitments made at the 2005 World Summit in this regard.

Welcoming progress made towards achieving gender equality, but stressing that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session.

Recognizing that the responsibility for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session rests primarily at the national level and that strengthened efforts are necessary in this respect, and reiterating that enhanced international cooperation is essential for full, effective and accelerated implementation.

Reaffirming that gender mainstreaming is a globally accepted strategy for promoting the empowerment of women and achieving gender equality by transforming structures of inequality, and reaffirming also the commitment to actively promote the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and social spheres, as well as the commitment to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender equality.

Reaffirming also that the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms is essential for the empowerment of women and girls.

Reaffirming further that the full representation and full and equal participation of women in political, social and economic decision-making in society enhances social and economic development policies and that the empowerment of women is a critical factor in the eradication of poverty.

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;⁴

2. *Reaffirms* the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action¹ adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,² and welcomes the ten-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women,³ and the outcome transmitted to the Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, including to the 2005 World Summit in Council decision 2005/232 of 20 July 2005;

3. *Emphasizes* that the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session is integral to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration³ and the outcomes of United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions, as well as the commitments made at the 2005 World Summit;

4. *Calls upon* Governments, the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, all sectors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as all women and men to fully commit themselves and to intensify their contributions to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session;

⁴ A/60/170.

⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 7 (E/2005/27)*, chap. I, section A.

5. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the fulfilment of the obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁶ are mutually reinforcing in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women, and in this regard welcomes the contributions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to promote the implementation of the Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, and invites States parties to the Convention to include information on measures taken to enhance implementation at the national level in their reports to the Committee under article 18 of the Convention;

6. *Calls upon* States parties to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol thereto⁷ and to take into consideration the concluding comments as well as the general recommendations of the Committee, and also calls upon those Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the Optional Protocol thereto;

7. *Reaffirms* that the Commission on the Status of Women will continue to play a central role in the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session and in this regard welcomes their reaffirmation in the outcome of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, calls upon the Commission to give particular attention to the sharing of experiences and good practices in overcoming challenges to the full implementation at the national and international levels, and in this regard encourages all actors, inter alia Governments, the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society to continue to support the work of the Commission;

8. *Calls upon* Governments, the relevant funds and programmes, organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, as well as invites the international financial institutions and all relevant actors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to intensify action to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, through:

(a) Sustained political will and commitment at the national, regional and international levels to take further action, inter alia, through the mainstreaming of gender perspectives, including through the development and use of gender equality indicators, as applicable, into all policies and programmes and the promotion of full and equal participation and empowerment of women, and enhanced international cooperation;

(b) Promotion and protection of, and respect for, the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by women, including through the full implementation by States of their obligations under all human rights instruments, especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁷ Resolution 54/4, annex.

(c) Respect for the rule of law, including legislation, and continued efforts to repeal laws and eradicate policies and practices that discriminate against women and girls, and to adopt laws and promote practices that protect their rights and promote gender equality;

(d) Strengthening the role of national institutional mechanisms for gender equality and the advancement of women, including through financial and other appropriate assistance,

(e) Undertaking socio-economic policies that promote sustainable development and ensure poverty eradication programmes, especially for women, and strengthening the provision of and ensuring equal access to adequate, affordable and accessible public and social services, including education and training at all levels, as well as to all types of permanent and sustainable social protection/social security systems for women throughout their life cycle, and supporting national efforts in this regard;

(f) Adequate mobilization of resources at the national and international levels, as well as new and additional resources for the developing countries, including the least developed countries and countries with economies in transition, from all available funding mechanisms, including multilateral, bilateral and private sources;

(g) Increased partnerships among the Government, civil society and the private sector;

(h) Encouraging joint responsibility of men and boys with women and girls in the promotion of gender equality;

9. *Reaffirms* that States have an obligation to exercise due diligence to prevent violence against women and girls, provide protection to the victims, and investigate, prosecute and punish the perpetrators of violence against women and girls, and that failure to do so violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and calls upon Governments to elaborate and implement strategies in this regard;

10. *Strongly encourages* Governments to continue to support the role and contribution of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and women's organizations, in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session;

11. *Notes* that, at its fiftieth session, the Commission on the Status of Women will continue to discuss its working methods and develop a new programme of work to begin in 2007, and in this respect requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission with recommendations for enhancing the Commission's work as well as proposals for future themes;

12. *Encourages* the Economic and Social Council to continue its efforts to ensure that gender mainstreaming is an integral part of its work and that of its subsidiary bodies, through, inter alia, implementation of its agreed conclusions 1997/2⁸ and its resolution 2004/4 of 7 July 2004;

⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3*, (A/52/3/Rev.1), chap. IV, para. 4.

13. *Notes* the efforts of its Main Committees to pay attention to gender issues, and resolves to intensify such efforts to fully mainstream a gender perspective in their work, as well as in all future United Nations conferences, summits and special sessions and in their follow-up processes;

14. *Requests* all bodies that deal with programme and budgetary matters, including the Committee for Programme and Coordination, to ensure that programmes, plans and budgets visibly mainstream gender perspectives;

15. *Reaffirms* the primary and essential role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in promoting the advancement of women and gender equality;

16. *Also reaffirms* the commitment made at the 2005 World Summit to the full and effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000, while noting the fifth anniversary of its adoption and the open debates in the Security Council on women, peace and security;

17. *Recognizes* the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, and urges Governments and the United Nations system to take further steps to ensure the integration of a gender perspective and the full and equal participation of women in all efforts to promote peace and security, as well as to increase their role in decision-making at all levels, including through the development of national action plans and strategies;

18. *Calls upon* all parts of the United Nations system to continue to play an active role in ensuring the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, as reaffirmed in the Declaration adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-ninth session,⁵ through, inter alia, the work of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women and the maintenance of gender specialists in all entities of the United Nations system, as well as through ensuring that all personnel, especially in the field, receive training and appropriate follow-up, including tools, guidance and support, for gender mainstreaming;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report annually to the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Advancement of women", as well as to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, with an assessment of progress on gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and to recommend further measures to enhance implementation.



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Human rights questions: human rights situations
and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.53

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.53, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process in Myanmar, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in this regard;

(b) To give all necessary assistance to enable his Special Envoy and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandate fully and effectively;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-second session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

2. The foregoing requests relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, and subprogramme 3,



Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities, and subprogramme 4, Support for human rights thematic fact-finding procedures, of programme 19, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007.¹

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. In his report to the General Assembly,² the Secretary-General indicated that his good offices efforts had encountered considerable difficulties since the event in the last quarter of 2004 concerning the former Prime Minister, which had resulted in a significant reduction of political contacts between the United Nations and the Myanmar authorities, and that political discussions with the Government of Myanmar had been held only outside the country on limited occasions.

4. The Secretary-General indicated, however, that he remained committed to offering his good offices to facilitate national reconciliation in Myanmar and believed that the seven-point road map towards democracy announced by the Myanmar authorities in 2003 had the potential to generate positive change. He also indicated that Myanmar citizens had endured unnecessary social and economic hardship because of the absence of an all-inclusive process of democratization and national reconciliation in their country and that their predicament had been compounded by economic policies that had prevented the vast majority of them from improving their livelihoods. He reiterated his call upon the Myanmar authorities to take the necessary steps to make reform efforts more inclusive and credible when the National Convention resumed and during subsequent phases of the road map process, including those for drafting the constitution and organizing a national referendum. The Secretary-General pointed out that he was prepared to do his utmost to mobilize all the necessary international assistance to support Myanmar authorities in facilitating their national reconciliation efforts in order to ensure that the people of Myanmar could partake in the same benefits of economic, social and political development as were enjoyed in neighbouring countries.

5. Consistent with the requests contained in paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.53, the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General would be continued in 2006, in pursuit of his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and the people of Myanmar, as well as all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process. The efforts of his good offices would be carried out through his Special Envoy and the progress made in the implementation of the resolution would be reported to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-second session.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

6. The estimated costs of continuing the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and democratization through his Special Envoy for Myanmar, as requested in paragraph

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/60/6/Rev.1).*

² A/60/422.

5 (a), (b) and (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.53, for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2006, amount to \$210,400 net (\$254,000 gross).

7. These resources would cover: the salaries for the Special Envoy, to be engaged on a when-actually-employed basis, and for a local staff member who would provide support to the Special Envoy; the official travel of the Special Envoy to Myanmar, neighbouring countries in the region, Europe and North America, including United Nations Headquarters; the services of a consultant; and miscellaneous services in support of his mission. Other substantive and administrative support to the Special Envoy would be provided by the Department of Political Affairs.

8. With regard to the request contained in the last part of paragraph 5 (a), in which the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to offer technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 5 (b), it may be noted that the mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a perennial nature. Provisions for such activities have already been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

V. Action required from the General Assembly

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.53, a total of \$210,400 net (\$254,000 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006 for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar.

10. These requirements would be charged against the provision of \$355,949,300 proposed for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.³

³ A/60/6 (Sect. 3).



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Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Singapore: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.22/Rev.1

Rights of the Child

1. After operative subparagraph 15 (c), insert a new subparagraph reading:
"Take all appropriate measures to ensure that school discipline is administered in a manner consistent with the child's human dignity."
 2. In operative paragraph 15 (d), replace the word "eliminate" with the words "strictly regulate".
 3. In operative paragraph 27, replace the words "in particular those States in which the death penalty has not been abolished" with the words "that have not done so".
 4. In operative paragraph 28, replace the words "corporal punishment" with the words "subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".
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Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Yemen: * amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.54

Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief

1. After operative paragraph 4, *insert*

4 bis. *Emphasizes* that States, non-governmental organizations, religious bodies and the media have an important role to play in promoting tolerance and freedom of religion and belief, and deplores the use of print, audio-visual and electronic media, including the Internet, and any other means to incite acts of violence, xenophobia or related intolerance and discrimination towards all religions;

4 ter. *Urges* States to take resolute action to prohibit the dissemination through institutions and organizations of racist and xenophobic ideas and material aimed at any belief and religion or their followers that constitute incitement to discrimination, intimidation and coercion;

2. In operative paragraph 5, after the words: "many religious", insert the words: "and other", so that the paragraph *would read*

5. *Recognizes with deep concern* the overall rise in instances of intolerance and violence directed against members of many religious and other communities in various parts of the world, including cases motivated by Islamaphobia, anti-Semitism and Christianophobia;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.





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**Human rights questions: human rights questions, including
alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment
of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

Azerbaijan: amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.56

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

After the third preambular paragraph, insert a new preambular paragraph
reading

*Expressing particular concern that many internal displacement situations are
being paid insufficient attention owing to their protracted nature, and recognizing
the need to pay more systematic and in-depth attention to the assistance, protection
and development needs of internally displaced persons in these situations by States
and the international community;*





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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

**Draft programme of work of the Third Committee for
the sixty-first session of the General Assembly submitted
by the Chairman**

- Item 1. Social development:
- (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
 - (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;
 - (c) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all;
 - (d) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.
- Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice
- Item 3. International drug control
- Item 4. Advancement of women:
- Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
- Item 5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions
- Item 6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:
- Follow-up to the special session on children
- Item 7. Indigenous issues
- Item 8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:



Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 10. Promotion and protection of human rights:

- (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
- (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;
- (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

(c) bis "Important work undertaken by the Commission on Human Rights, through its Working Group on the Right to Development, with respect to the operationalization of the right to development and its mainstreaming in the United Nations system;"

10. Insert the following operative subparagraph 1 (c) ter:

(c) ter "Recent establishment of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' High-Level Task Force on the Operationalization of the Right to Development and the participation in this process by the United Nations specialized agencies, programmes and funds, international financial institutions and the multilateral trading system;"

11. Insert the following operative subparagraph 1 (c) quater:

(c) quater "Growing realization and awareness within the United Nations system that the full enjoyment of all human rights and the realization of the right to development can be practically enjoyed through effective partnerships in the fields of human rights, development and financing at the national, regional and international levels;"

12. In operative paragraph 2, after the words "mainstream human rights", insert the phrase "and the right to development".

13. Delete operative subparagraphs 4 (a) and (b).

14. In operative paragraph 4 (c) (i), after the words "mainstream human rights", insert the phrase "and the right to development".

15. Replace operative subparagraph 4 (d) with the following:

"(d) International financial and multilateral trading system to continue to mainstream the right to development in their policies and operational activities;"

16. Delete operative subparagraph 5 (b).

17. In operative subparagraph 6 (b), insert the words "and the right to development" after the words "mainstreaming of human rights".